



Dear Parents,

A very eventful and all in all successful first term is coming to an end. This time, rather than concentrating on the more mundane aspects of school routine I would like to highlight the range of activities taking place and share with you some of the very different aspects of life at the ESF. Of course there is so much going on in this school that what you see here is only a very small selection . .

The delay with the containers in September meant that we had to start the year with what could be described as the largest class rooms in the world(?).



Rest assured that in the mean time a set of acceptable class rooms are in place!

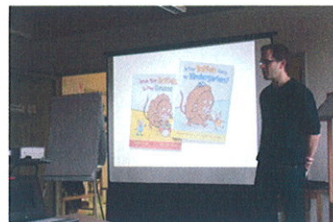
Learning should not only be a cognitive process. Hands on experiences and coping with our immediate environment are an important part of our education. A recent example shows how classes in pre-primary and primary have been guided through aspects of road safety:



In this kind of school where academic standards are kept high subjects such as music, sport and art must take on a key role; some examples of extra-curricular activities include the primary choir and a music project featured here:



The library is a constant source of valuable complementary activities such as special workshops and visiting authors:



Currently 18 different languages are taught at the ESF in the framework of 4 language sections with 14 additional teachers of mother tongue tuition. Within this context it is extremely important to support the various cultural traditions of the countries concerned such as 'Sinterklaas' and the Swedish 'Lucia' seen below:



Where would we be with our character development without charity and solidarity? It was very reassuring to witness this year's huge response to the PA's 'Christmas in a Shoe Box Campaign'. The school community donated a record 616 packages to children in need.



I could continue like this for much longer, but for practical reasons we will stick to 1 page!

May I wish you all a very Happy Christmas, this time in Lithuanian our latest addition to the long list of languages at this school:

Linksmų Šv.Kalėdų ir laimingų Naujųjų Metų!

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